

(a) the date on which the survey of Dalli-Rajhara-Raughat-Narainpur-Kondagaon-Jagdarpur broad-gauge railway line was completed and the estimated cost thereof;

(b) whether the said railway line has been approved by the Government; and

(c) if so, the funds allotted therefor during 1992-93 and the time by which the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) 1985-86. The then cost was Rs. 218.6 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Introduction of Nor Plant 6 Contraceptives

1015. SHRIMATISUSEELAGOPALAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Medical Research propose introduce Nor Plant 6 contraceptives into the family planning programme in urban centres;

(b) if so, the details of tests and trials conducted as far as the safety of the contraceptive is concerned;

(c) whether the minimum four phase trials have been conducted as part of the pre-programme introduction study; and

(d) the details of the follow up studies done on earlier use of implant contraceptive?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIM.L.FOTEDAR):

(a) The proposal of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) to initiate pre-programme introductory study of Norplant 6 in the medical colleges in a phased manner is under consideration.

(b) and (c). Earlier in 1980s. with the approval of the Drug. Controller of India, the ICMR had conducted a Phase II comparative clinical trials with Norplant 6 and Norplant 2, both containing the same hormone. The observations indicated excellent contraceptive protection with both types of implants, except menstrual irregularities. The ICMR conducted Phase III clinical trials and pre-programme introductory studies with Norplant 2. The result of these studies indicated that Norplant 2 device provides excellent contraceptive protection. However, in view of the lack of commercial availability of Norplant 2, it was decided, based upon the recommendations of the Expert Committee, that a pre-programme introductory study of Norplant 6 be initiated in a phased manner in the medical colleges.

(d) Results indicated that efficacy of Norplant was very high upto five years, return to fertility after removal of norplant was normal and no adverse pregnancy-outcome after removal was found.

[Translation]

#### Implementation of Academic Calendar Year

1016. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Universities in the country particularly in Bihar which have implemented academic calendar stipulated by the University Grants Commission alongwith these which have given assurance in this regard;